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CHINESE ACTORS

Fall Out Over Possession of Theatre.

RIVAL COMPANIES HAVE DISPUTE

Attorneys Take the Stage and Advise Clients.

Temporary Injunction Issued—Both Companies Play—Old Company Scores Success.

There is trouble between the Soy Kwong Ting and the For Fung Yung, better known to people conversant with the English language as the Old and New Chinese Theaters, the former situated farther toward Waikiki than the latter, on the narrow street that leads from King, nearly opposite the O. R. & L. depot. The whole thing is a result of a combination of the two theaters, said to have been effected a few days ago.

One of the members of the old theater company, Chun Chog by name, got up the new company some time ago, and just recently made an agreement with them to play in the old theater every other week. This, it is claimed, he did without authority and for his own personal aggrandizement. The report that the two theaters had consolidated grew out of this action on the part of one individual member of the old company. At all events, the new company sent their actors to the old theater, and there gave several performances.

All the while the members of the old company were getting warmer and warmer under the collar, until yesterday they decided they wanted their hall for their own actors, and by this decision brought matters to a head. On the other hand, the new company claimed they were in possession of an agreement, and they were going to see that the same was lived up to.

The old company consulted their attorney, W. R. Castle, who advised them to retain possession of the old theater, no matter what the new company had to say. P. L. Weaver, his assistant, was sent to the old theater with full power to act. He told the Chinamen to bar the door and to allow no one to enter. Over a hundred of the sympathizers the company gathered inside, and the doors were barred, as advised. A little later J. A. Magoon arrived on the scene, and when, after a trip up town, Mr. Weaver returned, he found the attorney of the new company on the inside. A bluff had been successfully worked.

Then came a scene between the two attorneys, both claiming a right to the place. Neither wanted trouble, but Mr. Magoon insisted that the doors be opened, and that the old company give promise to do no harm to the new. Both attorneys were desirous of going up town to look further into the matter, and both were willing to leave the matter in statu quo. As has been hinted above, Mr. Magoon wanted included in this statu quo the opening of all the doors and the admission of any who should see fit to enter. To this Mr. Weaver interposed a strenuous objection, and walking out to Choy Mei Hing, the manager of the old company, he told him to retain possession of the place, and should any of the new company try to enter, they should be forcibly expelled.

Choy immediately rolled up his sleeves and in a loud voice proclaimed from the stage that the old company was in possession of its rights and that none of the members of the new would be allowed to enter. Some of his supporters took up the cry, and there was a panic for a moment. About half of the Chinamen who were in the place, whether from guilty consciences at being sympathizers of the new company, or from some other reason, made a break out of the small front door. This was closed again, and all was quiet.

The attorneys then assisted each other off the stage and went up town. During the afternoon the attorney for the old company got out a suit to restrain the new company from interfering, and a temporary injunction was issued, ordering the members of it not to interfere in any way with the performance given last night. The old

company has a license to play three more nights.
A hearing will be granted, by stipulation, at 10 a. m. today, before Judge Carter, to determine whether a perpetual injunction shall be granted or not.

During the time that the actors of the new company had been playing in the headquarters of the old, they had left much of their paraphernalia in the chests of the latter. When the trouble occurred, they took the keys of the chests and the front door. The old company settled the door matter by getting a new lock.

About 5 p. m. yesterday Mr. Magoon called at the old theater with the keys to the chests and a number of the members of the new company to identify property. The goods were picked out and deposited on the sidewalk outside, and the new company agreed to send back all the property of the old left in their theater.

Just before 6 o'clock the members of the old company hoisted their emblem on the theater flag pole, and amid the clanging of cymbals and the firing of firecrackers, gave thanks to their heathen gods for the victory they had attained, while the actors in the blue room whistled "Yankee Doodle" in the minor and winked at the queer shapes and forms strung around on the dusty rafters.

JAPAN NOT AFTER HAWAII.

Denial by Travelers that Japan is Reaching for Hawaii.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 9.—A party of distinguished gentlemen of Japan are in the city en route to Eastern and European cities. They leave for San Francisco in the morning. The party includes one member of the diplomatic service on his way to London, six Government officials and three prominent business men. One is a Japanese commissioner on his way to Washington to attend the Postal Congress. Another is a noted architect who has been entrusted with the formation of plans for the new imperial palace. Accompanied by a secretary and draughtsman, he will visit the principal cities in this country and Europe searching for the newest and best in modern and ancient architecture.

Japanese officials, they say, deny that Japan has any intention to annex or control Hawaii. They ridicule the idea of any possible trouble between Japan and the United States over the affair, saying that no two countries in the world are more closely bound by ties of mutual commercial interests.

KING OF SIAM.

May Visit Hawaii During Latter Part of Summer.

According to papers from China, the King of Siam is to be present at the Victoria jubilee celebrations in England in June. From England he will return to Siam through the United States. Should he visit San Francisco, his return will bring him by way of Honolulu. The royal party will leave Bangkok on the yacht Maechachakri early in April and will disembark at Genoa. Halts will be made in Italy, Switzerland and France, but the longest stay will be in England, where the King desires to take part in the jubilee celebrations.

Joining his yacht in England, he will proceed to Sweden, Denmark and St. Petersburg, returning to Siam through the United States. The royal yacht will again meet His Majesty in Hong Kong in September and convey him back to Bangkok.

Social Science Club.

M. M. Hurd entertained the Social Science Club last evening at his residence on Pensacola street. The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Andrews, who gave an interesting discussion of "A Polyglot Community," reviewing the results of intermarriage of various races. His paper will be published later. After the discussion refreshments were served and the discussion continued about the festive board. Mr. Hurd is a royal good host, and his guests enjoyed a most delightful evening. Among the visitors present were Admiral Beardslee and Captain Cotton of the Philadelphia and Dr. Cunningham of Oakland.

Cricket Notes.

Mr. A. M. Hewitt has interested himself in the raising of money for the purpose of improving the old baseball grounds for cricket matches, and has succeeded admirably in his efforts. The amount required is \$50. The sum of \$49 has already been paid out for improvements. In addition to the \$15 received from members of the club, \$39 has been subscribed by friends and business men.

There will be a cricket match between the H. C. C. and Wild Swan teams on the old baseball grounds Wednesday afternoon, at 2 p. m. The members of the H. C. C. who wish to play will do well by consulting with Captain Herbert.

GIGANTIC SCHEME

Plan to Consolidate World's Oil Interests.

STANDARD OIL CO. TO CONTROL

Tariff Bill Not Yet Out of Senate Committee.

Some Items Will Conform to McKinley Tariff Schedule—"Teddy" Roosevelt Appointed

NEW YORK, April 8.—The corridors of the big Standard Oil building, No. 26 Broadway, reverberated with rumors today. One rumor had it that the Standard Oil Company had bought outright the interest of the Cudahys, the Western oil magnates, and another was that the big concern had gobbled up the Noel Bros.' Russian interests.

What seemed, after a great deal of investigation, to be the true situation in regard to the latest deal in oil is that a gigantic consolidation of the oil interests of the world has been brought about by the Standard Oil people.

This is the way the scheme was explained: After prolonged negotiations with the Russian magnates, Nobel Brothers, who control the Black Sea output of oil, the Standard Oil Company induced the Russians to become a factor in a three-cornered plan to provide the world's supply. The Standard Oil Company and Cudahy Bros. of Chicago, who are the Standard Oil Company's greatest rivals, completed the membership in the triangular deal. Nobel Bros. consented to come in if Cudahy Bros. could be induced to join. With this understanding, the Standard Oil Company made overtures to their Western rivals, with the result still in doubt.

Cudahy Bros. recently acquired ownership of the Manhattan Oil Company and made the Western concern practically independent of the Eastern competitor. It is understood also that the Cudahy Bros. have withheld their answer pending the action of the United States Pipe Line Company and the Producers' Association of the State of Pennsylvania, which were not invited into the deal.

It has always been supposed that over 90 per cent of the stock of the Standard Oil Company was held by the inside interests of the company. During the last few days, however, considerable stock has been offered in blocks of from ten to twenty-five shares each. The offering is accompanied by all sorts of rumors in connection with the affairs of the company and the future of the stock.

It has been stated that in the present fiscal year the Standard Oil Company would declare dividends of 100 per cent. It has also been stated that the capital of the company is to be doubled and the new securities divided pro rata among the shareholders. Singularly enough, with these rumors floating, the brokers on curb are offering small lots of stock.

DINGLEY TARIFF BILL.

Senate Committee Still Deliberating Upon the Measure.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—While the Senate Finance Committee expects to complete the consideration of the tariff bill by May 1, differences over the specific schedules are likely to delay the report until June. The wool men are preparing to make a stand on lower grades of wool, and insist on 32 per cent ad valorem. Wool worth less than 13 cents per pound shall be guarded by a minimum rate of 6 cents per pound specific duty.

The lead ore people are determined to have half a cent a pound more. And yet Aldrich and Allison intend to generally reduce rates. They want to put pine lumber back to \$1 a thousand, as in the McKinley bill, instead of \$2 as in the bill before them. They desire to scale the coal rate from 75 cents a ton to 60 cents, and to reduce the entire woolen schedule so as to make it tally with the McKinley bill rates, viewed in the light of lower prices now prevailing.

Canadian Schools.
MONTREAL, April 9.—Mgr. Del Val, the Papal Ablegate to Canada, opened

a conference in this city with all the Archbishops of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, with the object of arriving at an understanding regarding the politico-religious disputes now dividing the Catholic people of the Dominion. At the conference there were present the Archbishops of Halifax, Toronto, Ottawa and St. Boniface, of Manitoba, and a number of Bishops. It was held with closed doors and the utmost secrecy was maintained as to the nature of the proceedings. The conference is expected to extend over several days.

TO RESTRICT COMPETITION.

Senator Foraker Introduces Bill to Maintain Prices.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senator Chandler of New Hampshire today introduced a bill in the nature of an amendment to Senator Foraker's railroad pooling bill. It is entitled "A bill abolishing competition in trade and production, and authorizing combinations to enable merchants, manufacturers and producers of commodities subject to interstate commerce to maintain prices and make profits, notwithstanding business depressions."

The body of the bill declares that it shall be unlawful for different and competing merchants, manufacturers and other producers of commodities which are originally the subject of interstate commerce to make any contract against or arrangement for the division or apportionment among them or with others in like business, of any of their gross or net earnings, or for the restriction of production in their business, or for the fixing of the prices of commodities by the order or recommendation of representatives designated on behalf of the various parties to any contract or agreement or arrangement, or by the order or recommendation of the majority of such representatives, or for the maintenance of prices of such commodities once fixed, or for the enforcement of any such contract by fines and penalties imposed upon any of the parties thereto, and each day of the continuance of the contract shall be deemed a separate offense.

A WOMAN'S GIFT.

Episcopal Church in New York Richer by Half a Million.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Miss Serena Rhinelander, who is well known here for acts of charity, and because of her prominence in the social world, has presented the parish of St. John's Episcopal Church with several buildings at Eighty-first street and Madison avenue, including a church, parish house and a rectory, which are to cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000. The first installment of the gift, St. Christopher's parish house, which cost about \$100,000, will be consecrated Saturday by Bishop Potter.

Miss Rhinelander is the daughter of the late William Rhinelander and the sister of the late Mrs. Lisenard Stewart. It is estimated that the greater part of the property has passed into Miss Rhinelander's hands. The total value of the Rhinelander estate is now \$75,000,000.

SEC. WILSON'S PLANS.

He Intends Encouraging the Sugar Beet Industry.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson intends to encourage the cultivation of the sugar beet, and will distribute gratis to farmers of the country, and particularly of the Northwest, large quantities of the beet seed. According to the Secretary's figures the United States imports \$100,000,000 worth of sugar yearly, and he wants to encourage home industry in order to keep part of that sum on these shores. The soil of the Northwest is particularly well adapted, as is the climate, to the cultivation of the sugar beet, which yields as high as 25 per cent of sugar.

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